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**Ohio Parole Board Unanimously Recommends Phillips be Denied Clemency**  
*Final decision rests with Governor Kasich*

**AKRON, OHIO – October 24, 2013** – Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh today announced that the Ohio Parole Board unanimously voted to recommend convicted murderer Ronald Phillips be denied clemency. Phillips' clemency request and the Board's recommendation now go to Governor John Kasich, who makes the final decision to grant or deny clemency.

In 1993, a jury found Phillips, then 19, guilty of Aggravated Murder, Felonious Sexual Penetration and three counts of Rape. In January of that year, Phillips brutally assaulted and raped three-year-old Sheila Marie Evans. Evans died as result. Among her injuries were severe trauma to her internal organs and more than 125 bruises to her face, torso, arms, legs and genitalia.

“According to the Coroner's report, Sheila Marie Evans was beaten and assaulted for a lengthy period of time, and she suffered terribly for at least two days before she died,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Not one member of the Parole Board bought Phillips' last-ditch effort. I hope Governor Kasich follows the recommendation of the Ohio Parole Board and denies Phillips clemency.”

In its recommendation against clemency, the Board called the repeated beating and rape of Sheila Marie Evans “clearly among the worst of the worst capital crimes.” Furthermore, the Board found that, although Phillips' childhood may have been dysfunctional, there is no evidence to prove his recent claims of sexual abuse.

Phillip's execution is scheduled for November 14, 2013.